

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

OFFICE OF THE STATE AUDITOR STACEY E. PICKERING STATE AUDITOR

April 19, 2010

The Honorable Julius Genachowski Chairman Federal Communications Commission 445 12th Street, SW Washington, DC 20554

Re: MB Docket No. 10-56

Dear Chairman Genachowski:

As Auditor for the State of Mississippi, I strive to see that our state stands on a sound financial footing. Comcast has been a stalwart partner in this effort. I hope that you and the FCC will approve its proposed transaction with NBC Universal.

Mississippi has been through some difficult economic times for the past five years. First, our Gulf Coast was devastated by Hurricane Katrina, leaving many residents homeless. Then, we were hit, like the rest of the country, by the burst of the real estate bubble and the resulting recession. So you can imagine how grateful we are that Comcast has not only continued to employee nearly 1,300 Mississippi residents, but, in 2007 opened its Advanced Solutions Center in Madison, hiring workers with plans to add more.

Comcast pays about \$18 million in state and local taxes and more than \$1 million in property taxes, which are helping to rebuild our state.

I can personally attest to the good things Comcast's infrastructure investments and offerings to our business community allow. My wife, who runs a small business from our home in Laurel, Mississippi, uses Comcast's high speed internet and it has significantly increased her efficiency and ability to stay connected.

Comcast is a company we are proud to have in Mississippi. From the way it does business here, I can see that partnering with NBC Universal will create a stronger, more productive company. I urge you to approve this union.

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Please feel free to contact me if you have questions or need additional information.

Sincerely,

Stacey E. Pickering

Auditor, State of Mississippi

cc: Commissioner Michael J. Copps Commissioner Robert M. McDowell Commissioner Mignon Clyburn Commissioner Meredith Attwell Baker